



HIV PLANNING COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING, Wednesday, March 31, 2004

Garden Grove Medical Plaza

12555 Garden Grove Blvd., 1st Floor, Plaza Auditorium

REVISED MINUTES

Chair: Sylvia Mata

Vice Chairs: Puki Liptrapp and Martín Salas

Recorders: Emily Bangura & Yvette Petruzzelli

Members Present: Ignacio Alvarez, Jordan Bako, Robert Barnes, Martin Becerra, Jeff Byers, Clayton Chau, Michael Ferguson, Linda Foster, Geeta Gupta, Mary Hale, Puki Liptrapp, Josie Lopez, Adolfo Loustalot, Sylvia Mata, Liz Pejeau, Christopher Ried, Gerardo Rosas, Martín Salas, Ricky Session, Robert Thompson, Steve Thronson, Jeremiah Tilles, Modesto Vasquez, Ron Viramontes, Kurt Weston, Clarence Williams and Miles Wood

Affiliates: Jerry Lail, Terry Roberts, Dan Cavanaugh, Shawn Coakley and Arthur Reyes (filling in for Jose Ramon Rodriguez).

Excused Absences: Betsy Ha, Maria Marquez and Jose Ramon Rodriguez.

Members Absent: Bruce McGregor and Matilda Rivera.

Staff: Diana Banzet, Hope Hagen, David Souleles, Irene Tyrrell, Angela Coron and Brandon Page.

Guests: Vickie Ferguson, Chris Prevatt (HCA), Korey Jorgensen (Laguna Beach Community Clinic), Michelle Sherman (Pharmacy Consultant), Mitch Cherness (Reach Program/HCA), Stuart Baron, Pete L. Chavez, Terry Stone (The Center), Maria Briley (OCASF), Philip Yaeger (ASF) and Alan Witchey (ASF).

Item I. Call to Order: Chair Sylvia Mata called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Item II. Welcome & Introductions

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Moment of Remembrance
- C. Introduction of Guests – see above.
- D. Roll Call of Members – see above.

Item III. Public Comment:

Chris Prevatt thanked both Ron Viramontes for Chairing the Allocation Task Force Committee and the members for participating. He mentioned he was part of the Committee and encouraged members to look at the recommendations in front of them and decide whether or not they were acceptable.

Item IV. Allocation Task Force Report and Recommendations (Action Item)

Angela Coron facilitated the discussion of the Task Force recommendations. She thanked Task Force members for their deliberations over two meetings for a period of six hours. She reviewed the contents of two mailings, the first contained extensive background information on past allocations, which was used by the Task Force. The second mailing contained the recommendations of the Task Force.

Ron Viramontes gave an overview of the Allocation for FY04-05 spreadsheet. He reviewed the six criteria established by the Council that the Task Force kept in mind while deliberating. Three different approaches to achieving the reductions were considered by the Task Force: (i) consider the lowest priority and work from the bottom up (ii) consider taking a cut across all the service categories (iii) consider each category individually. The Task Force unanimously decided on the third option. Ron reported that the Task Force made recommendations based upon supporting improved medical outcomes and reviewing the availability of other resources in the community. Ron explained the results of the deliberations were listed on the spreadsheet referring to Column E.

Co-Chair Liptrapp made a motion to approve the Allocation Task Force's recommendations for allocations of the Title I award as presented in Column E of the spreadsheet prepared by the Allocation Task Force for the HIV Planning Council and to update the Instructions to the Grantee to reflect the new approved allocations and conditions to meet the reductions. Mary Hale seconded.

Chair Mata opened the floor for discussion. Ron suggested comments be made by service category. Angela Coron asked members and guests to state their conflict before speaking, just as they did at the Task Force meetings. She reminded everyone to base discussions on service categories and not providers.

Comments made on service categories 1.1 - 1.7: Medical Care & Medications

Ignacio Alvarez asked about clarification regarding Treatment Adherence being absorbed by Case Management.

Ron Viramontes replied nurse case managers or physicians could address these issues with clients instead of having separate funding.

Comments made on service category 2: Case Management

Ron Viramontes stated that since MAI funds were increased it was prudent to reduce case management to general population.

Geeta Gupta asked about rationale for 2.2 hospital case management. Ron responded Grantee has a consultant looking at specialty medical care and case management, but the results will not be available until June.

Jordan Bako asked for an explanation of the difference between 2.1 and 2.2. Mary Hale responded that 2.1 is the County located at 17th Street Clinic, the REACH program and the jail, while 2.2 is hospital service.

Comments made on service category 3: Housing/Hospice Services-Substance Users

Ron Viramontes stated there was a discussion that the amount stated was the absolute minimum necessary to continue the program.

Miles Wood asked for more explanation. Mary Hale said the idea was to continue transitional housing for PLWH. She also said if substance users don't receive housing, medical care wouldn't be a priority for them.

Comments made on service category 4: Nutritional Services

Ron Viramontes said recommendations were made considering other resources within the community; therefore this service category received the largest reduction. He added the Task Force spent the most amount of time deliberating in this category.

Linda Foster asked Ron if disability criteria was established because income criteria already existed. He said yes.

Jerry Lail said it was a dangerous precedent to completely eliminate the food voucher program.

Ricky Session said he thought food bank should be cut back more since food is wasted, when clients don't come in to pick up their orders.

Jordan Bako stated he hoped clients' preference to food pantry or voucher was considered. Ron replied what clients wanted was taken into consideration; however surveys were not conducted as there was no time.

Tony Barnett said he was concerned that food pantry would run out of funds since food voucher clients would transfer over. He suggested pulling out of food pantry completely and reallocating money to dental.

Comments made on service category 5: Dental Care: County

Ron Viramontes stated that he didn't want to get ahead; however, the Allocation Task Force was going to recommend the Housing Committee consider giving the \$75,000 unspent HOPWA funds for use to the Residential Services (8.1) category. This would allow funds to be redirected into dental care.

Jerry Lail asked what types of dental service the general public received. Irene Tyrrell responded only emergency extractions are for the general public, while other procedures are reserved for HIV clients.

Limited comments were made on service categories 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14

Ron Viramontes stated there were no magic numbers the Task Force came up with for any category. These bottom categories were cut at 10% because it was determined everything needed a cut with the exception of 8.1, the rationale being the possible allocation of \$75,000 unspent HOPWA funds.

David Souleles referred to the spreadsheet and commented that 13.1 Program Support and 14 Planning Council Support had already taken a reduction of 5% of the new award amount and the Task Force recommendation was an additional 10%. Martin Becerra asked Ron for his rationale for the 10% reduction of the rest of the service categories. He added the recommendation was to look at each category individually. Ron responded every single item was discussed one at a time. He continued, the Task Force agreed every category should receive a reduction, since it wouldn't greatly impact the medical services outcome.

Shawn Coakley added he argued for higher cuts on some of the lower categories, which were all discussed individually.

Public Comments:

Stuart Baron, an ASF client read a letter dated 3/31/04, which he had written to the Planning Council (hard copy on file). He requested that the Planning Council not cut the program any further than 23% recommended by the Task Force Committee because the program assists the homebound, homeless and poorest clients in Orange County.

There was additional discussion by Council members.

Linda Foster called the question; it was seconded. Motion carried.

Puki Liptrapp re-read the motion. Votes were: 15 = in favor, 10 = opposed, 2 = abstentions (Jordan Bako and Ron Viramontes). Motion carried.

Item V. Member's Privilege:

Chair Mata reminded members to fill out their Conflict of Interest Form 700 immediately and return them to Yvette Petruzzelli.

Martin Beccerra thanked members who worked on the Allocation Task Force.

Robert Thompson encouraged members to try and attend Task Force Meetings and provide their input.

Jerry Lail also thanked members of the Task Force for their hard work. He asked them to keep the allocations in the back of their minds in order to look at priority setting more carefully the next fiscal year.

Martin Becerra said he appreciated the efforts of the Task Force Committee even though he didn't agree with their recommendations.

Bob Barnes shared his transportation concern. Volunteers, who provide transportation do have liability insurance and during the third quarter money was turned into the County for re-allocation.

Item VI. Announcements:

Jerry Lail announced that the next Housing Committee Meeting would be on Monday, April 5, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. They are trying to solicit membership for the Housing Committee. Also, they will take a look at the \$75,000 HOPWA request from the Task Force.

Terry Stone announced AIDS Walk on June 6, 2004 and invited everyone to attend.

Chair Mata announced that the Allocation Task Force would remain in place and become the priority setting committee for the coming year. She also told members if there is no objection, when this meeting adjourned, it would remain adjourned until May 12, 2004 because most of the members of the Executive Team and Staff would be attending training on the Ryan White Care Act. She also thanked the members of the Task Force for their hard work and apologized for not being able to attend the meetings. In addition, she thanked HIV Staff for arranging this special meeting and for providing the food.

David Souleles mentioned that the Task Force should have some good input at looking at priority settings for the New Year. He is pleased that there is a system in place that will allow this to occur. He also thanked staff from the HCA (especially HIV Planning & Coordination) for doing a tremendous amount of work to support the Task Force efforts.

Item VII. Adjournment: Chair Mata adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. until May 12, 2004.